

AMERICANS AND
MEXICANS CLASHFierce Battle Fought With
Losses on Both Sides.CARRANZA TROOPS
CLAIM VICTORY THEIRSEl Paso People Think Mexicans Must Have Been to
Blame—Excitement Spreads in American Town.Juarez Remains Quiet Though Evacuation
is Said to Be Planned.

El Paso, Texas, June 21.—American and Carranza troops fought a sanguinary battle today on the Santo Domingo ranch, near the town of Carrizal, and tonight it had not been learned with which side rested the victory.

The number of dead, American or Mexican, was not definitely known here, but nearly a score of Gen. Pershing's men are said to have lost more than 40. Seventeen Americans are declared by Mexican officials to have been captured and to have been hurried to Chihuahua City under adequate guard. A machine gun used by the Mexicans is reported to have done heavy execution.

The scene of the fight was just nine miles southwest of Villa Ahumada, the Mexican field headquarters in northern Chihuahua, and the clash occurred only a few hours after President Wilson's 6,000 word note warning Carranza that the "gravest consequence" would follow an attack upon American troops had gone forward.

The Americans engaged are thought to have been members of a troop from the Tenth cavalry, a negro regiment, returning from a scouting trip to Guzman. The size of the Mexican force, however, is not known.

Gen. Gonzales, Carranza commander of the military forces on the border. For some reason Gen. Gonzales kept the story secret until late in the afternoon when an American, J. C. Hubble, returning to the border from the interior, brought to El Paso the news that he had seen numbers of Mexican dead along the Mexican Central railroad tracks at Villa Ahumada, and had been told that there had been an encounter.

Gen. Gonzales' first step after confirming the news was to issue a statement placing the blame on the American commander. He charged that the American troops fired first on the Mexicans and that their shots were directed at a courier who had just presented to them a request that they retire.

American army officers declared absolute disbelief tonight in Gen. Gonzales' assertions. The opinion was expressed that if the Americans fired on the messenger they did so because it was necessary in order to insure their own safety.

Gen. Trevino's recent warning to Gen. Pershing not to send his troops east, south or west of their positions was recalled.

Excitement spread in El Paso as extras were issued and the news became known. Quiet was maintained, however, in view of Gen. Bell's frequent admonitions that his soldiers could take care of any situation that might arise. While awaiting instructions from headquarters at San Antonio, Gen. Bell kept his entire force in readiness for instant action.

In the meantime, however, word came from Juarez that all was quiet, although the news of the battle was widespread there.

Early tonight the only official details of the engagement received here came from the Mexican side of the river. Gen. Gonzales said that his information was transmitted to him from Villa Ahumada by Col. Genoveso Rivas, who commanded the Mexicans after their leader, Gen. Gomez, was slain. Gen. Gonzales also gave the Mexican explanation of how the two forces came in contact.

According to Gen. Gonzales he was informed by Gen. Gomez at Villa Ahumada last night of the presence of the Americans westward between Villa Ahumada and El Valle. He said he immediately ordered Gen. Gomez to proceed to the Santo Domingo ranch where the Americans were reported "in unknown force" and advise their commander to retire to their camp.

This, he says, Gen. Gomez did this morning. The American commander, whose name was not given by Gen. Gomez, is said to have replied that he was instructed to proceed to Villa Ahumada and must do so.

The statement issued by the Juarez commander read: "Immediately upon learning of the presence of the American troops in the vicinity of Carrizal, Gen. Felix Gomez despatched a messenger with a request that the American commander withdraw his camp. When the American troops remained motionless, he sent a second dispatch bearer who was fired upon by the American troops after he had delivered his message. The Americans immediately moved forward and attacked Gen. Gomez' command.

"All the prisoners admitted that the blame should be put on the American commander for having ordered the attack. The prisoners were sent to Chihuahua with the customary protection." Gen. Gonzales said that the report

of the engagement was made to him by Lieut. Col. Genoveso Rivas, who succeeded to the command of the Carranza troops with the fall of Gen. Gomez.

Whichever side began the engagement.

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JOHNSON RIFLES
ARE READY TO GOFirst Company in State to Report For Duty—Eighty-One Men on
Roll—Probably Leave For Columbia Friday Night.

The Johnson Rifles, Co. E, First South Carolina Regiment, was the first company to respond to the call to report for duty.

The call came Sunday night and by noon Monday Capt. J. Frost Walker reported seventy-five ready for orders. To this number several more names have since been added, and the full roll of the company is as published below.

At the outbreak of the Spanish-American war the Johnson Rifles, then commanded by Capt. Jas. E. Hunter, was the first in the State to report for duty.

On Thursday afternoon the ladies of the city tendered the company a reception in the Chamber of Commerce rooms, and afterwards the citizens gathered on Main street to see the company drill and to express their appreciation of the patriotism and prompt response to duty's call shown by the company. Several speeches were made, and quite a good deal of enthusiasm was manifested.

Dr. Theo. Maddox, the company's surgeon, has been quiet busy for the past few days examining applicants. He has been ordered to Columbia, leaving Friday where he will be appointed to serve as army surgeon.

The roll of the company is as follows:

Capt. J. Frost Walker.
Jno. A. Hollingsworth, 1st Lieut.
Edw. R. Ashford, 2nd Lieut.
W. C. Price, 1st sergeant.
Jas. G. Faucett, quartermaster, sergeant.

Henry Bolick, sergeant.
Will Burgess, sergeant.
Green Sanders, sergeant.
Will Hart, sergeant.
Jas. Fore, corporal.
F. A. Hollingsworth, corporal.
Max F. Bentley, corporal.
Irby Blaylock, corporal.
Robt. Jenkins, corporal.
S. C. Price, corporal.
Addison, H. J.
Bird, Will.
Boling, B. L.
Baldwin, W. P.
Boyd, Thos.
Cockran, John.
Cudd, Rodney.

Crawford, J. H.
Charles, Wallace.
Eddings, Ernest.
Eubanks, Raymond.
Foster, Gurley.
Ferguson, Buril.
Foster, Fern.
Gregory, Will.
Garner, A. A.
Godshall, C. B.
Hill, C. H.
James, Marvin.
Justice, Wash.
Keisler, Norman.
Keisler, James.
Keisler, Fred.
Kelly, J. J.
Lake, Wm. C.
Lee, Claud.
Metley, Claud.
Miller, Emslie.
Mize, E. L.
Mosely, L. D.
Milwood, Will.
Mangum, J. Dan.
Nixon, Frank.
O'Shields, Luther.
Petty, Johnnie.
Petty, Johnnie.
Parks, J. T.
Peigler, R. S.
Peigler, W. W.
Peigler, W. L.
Ponder, Dan.
Ponder, R. A.
Ponder, R. A.
Sullivan, John.
Stroud, R. C.
Stines, S. C.
Stewart, R. R.
Sligh, S. P.
Trammell, P. W.
Turner, David.
Liner, Frank.
Treadway, Custis.
Treadway, Z. T.
Walker, R. L.
Ward, Pozey.
Sullivan, Will.
Price, E. B.
Montgomery, Ralph.
Branks, Brad.
Noland, Aubrey.
Garner, B. M.
Craig, Frank.
Stevens, B. H.
Jolly, R. D.

MISS WHANG GUEST OF
Y. W. C. A. AT SEMINARY

Miss Hasn Whang of Koreana is the guest of the Clifford Seminary Y. W. C. A. She was the special guest of the National Board of the Y. W. C. A. at the Blue Ridge conference and will be at Clifford Seminary for some time. She is preparing to enter the mission work in Koreana and is now on American college girl in the Woman's College at Athens, Ala. She is a very attractive young lady and is winning the love and confidence of all who become acquainted with her. She will be pleased to meet the people of Union, to whom an acquaintance with Miss Whang will be a rare privilege.

LOCATES IN SPARTANBURG.

Dr. S. L. Jeffries, D. D. S., is now associated in the practice of dentistry with Dr. G. N. Bunch, 117½ E. Main street, Spartanburg, S. C. He reports a most flourishing business and that it requires all of their time and energy to take care of same. Before going to Spartanburg Dr. Jeffries conducted a practice at Pacolet Mills, where he made many friends, who regretted to see him leave.

FAREWELL SERVICE.

The Johnson Rifles were given a farewell service by the congregation of the Presbyterian church at their midweek prayer service Wednesday evening. The service was largely attended and was very sweet and impressive. Quite a number of the company professed religion, and all who attended enjoyed the exercises greatly.

FIVE THOUSAND MEN
NEEDED FOR SERVICE

The estimated enlistment of South Carolina's two regiments of infantry and one cavalry troop, based on figures issued yesterday by the office of the adjutant general, is 1,888, which is less than the war strength of one infantry regiment as now constituted.

FINANCE COMMITTEE MET
TUESDAY IN SPARTANBURGRECEPTION
For Johnson Rifles

On Thursday afternoon at 6:30 p. m., at the Chamber of Commerce, refreshments will be served the members of Co. E. by the ladies. Mass meeting on Main street at 7:30 p. m. Military parade, addresses and music. Let everybody come and bring a flag.

DEATH OF G. T. HOLLIS.

Was One of Union County's Leading Citizens—Burial at Padgett's Creek With Masonic Services.

Mr. G. T. Hollis, one of the leading citizens of the county, died at his home at Cross Keys Sunday night and was buried late the following afternoon at Padgett's Creek church. The services were conducted by Rev. Geo. P. White and Rev. L. L. Wagon, and conducted by the Masons.

Mr. Hollis is survived by the following children: Mrs. C. E. Graham, Mrs. C. A. Betsill and Mr. O. B. Hollis, children by his first marriage; and Miss Lottie Hollis, Miss Lizzie Hollis, Miss Melba Hollis, Mr. Jack and Welch Hollis, children by his second marriage. His wife, who was Miss Mamie Pitts, and three sisters, Mrs. Thos. Cooper, Mrs. Charlotte Lawson and Mrs. Wm. Stone and one brother, Mr. W. D. Hollis.

Mr. Hollis was a man of high character, and was esteemed by all his neighbors. He was for many years a member of Padgett's Creek church, and was faithful in all the relations of life.

DECORATE GRAVE.

The Odd Fellows will decorate the grave of Bro. Sam Sumner, at Mt. Lebanon Sunday. Rev. A. T. Stoudenmire will deliver an address on the occasion.

DEATH OF A LITTLE CHILD.

Little Sarah Eoline Mobley, the 18-month-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Mobley, died on Tuesday afternoon, June 13th, after an illness of only a few days and was buried the following day in the Lee cemetery. All that medical skill and loving hands could do to save the life of this sweet little girl was done, but of no avail. The bereaved family have the deepest sympathy of their many friends in this dark hour of their lives.

WESLEY BIBLE CLASS.

Spartanburg, S. C., June 20.—The fourth annual meeting of the Wesley Bible Class Federation of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, will be held this year in Sumter, July 3, 4, 5. Opening session will be held Monday evening, July 3, in Trinity Methodist church, where headquarters will be established.

This meeting of the Federation promises to be the very best yet held. Prominent speakers from all parts of the South, and high officials of the Methodist church from our own State will speak.

Among those whose names appear on program are Dr. H. N. Snyder, Dr. A. G. Rembert, Dr. R. E. Stackhouse, Dr. E. O. Watson, Dr. D. W. Daniel, Revs. A. N. Brunson, Peter Stokes, R. E. Turnpseed, W. V. Martin, from this State, and Rev. Ralph Wells Keeler, of Cincinnati, Dr. Chas. E. Bulla of Nashville, Rev. J. W. Shackford of Nashville and Rev. J. M. Way, formerly of this State.

The officers of the Federation are: Hon. Charlton DuRant of Manning, president; Mr. R. S. Ligon of Anderson, vice-president; Dr. Vance W. Brabham of Orangeburg, secretary, and Mr. C. P. Hammond of Spartanburg, treasurer.

Many attractions have been arranged for the delegates, and splendid entertainment is promised at a very nominal price.

On Tuesday afternoon, July 4, there will be a great parade of all Wesley classes, represented under their own banners and led by one or more bands. Elaborate arrangements have been made to make this the most imposing spectacle of the entire meeting. In addition to the delegates it is expected that all Bible class members of the city and surrounding country will take part in the parade.

The railroads have granted exceedingly low rates to delegates, and those attending, and a record-breaking crowd is expected to be in attendance. All in all this is expected to be the biggest meeting of the Federation since its organization in Columbia four years ago.

Preliminary Survey for Proposed
Electric Railway Will Begin
About July 10—Reid Tull
Selected Engineer and
R. P. Morgan Elected
Treasurer.

The committee chosen to formulate plans and incorporate the proposed electric railway connecting Union, Spartanburg, Laurens, Clinton and intermediate points, met in Spartanburg Tuesday. The principal matters of business transacted was the choice of a civil engineer and of a treasurer. Mr. Reid Tull was chosen engineer to make the preliminary survey. There were many applicants for the place. He will begin about July 10. He will survey a line from Union to Buffalo and West and Glenn Springs, and from Spartanburg via Glenn Springs to Laurens and Clinton.

Mr. R. P. Morgan was elected treasurer at the meeting held Tuesday. The subscriptions to the preliminary survey fund will be called for at once, and it will be necessary to have these funds in hand before the work can be carried forward.

GEISINGER WILL BE BROKEN.

The will of Abraham Geisinger, which left his property to an orphanage in Austria, was contested by his widow. Judge W. W. Johnson, upon undisputed testimony that the deceased was mentally and morally incapacitated to make a will, ordered that it be broken. The property will, under this ruling, go to his widow and children.

LORANZA D. SMITH
DIED AT OTTARAY JUNE 14

Mr. Loranza D. Smith, died at Ottaray June 14, and was buried the following day at the Lee cemetery.

Mr. Smith was from North Carolina and is survived by his wife who, before her marriage, was Miss Sara Crawford, and three children, his father and two brothers.

MISS EVA JANE CROCKER
DIED ON WEDNESDAY

Miss Eva Jane Crocker died at her home at Ottaray on June 14 and was buried the following day at Rosemont. She was 25 years of age and was a consistent member of the Methodist church, being survived by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Crocker, four brothers and three sisters. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. D. W. Garvin.

CALLED TO ARMS.

Mr. J. L. Dobbins, one of the proprietors of the Grand theatre here, received a telegram from the captain of his company at Rock Hill ordering him to report for duty at once. He left Tuesday. Mrs. Dobbins will assume the duties in conducting the theatre here in his absence, and the usual program will be run daily.

SHOWER FOR BRIDE-ELECT.

Mrs. R. E. White and Miss Ida Clement have issued invitation for Friday afternoon for a miscellaneous shower to be given in compliment to Miss Ida Palmer, whose marriage to Mr. Guy Wilburn is to be an event of the midsummer.

VALUABLE PROPERTY
IS OFFERED FOR SALE

The property of Mrs. Jeannette Wallace, located on Church street, just South of Grace Methodist church, is offered for sale as may be seen from the advertisement in this week's paper. The residence, a large, two-story building, and the lots adjacent, will be offered for sale Saturday, June 24, at 12 o'clock. This will afford a fine opportunity for securing desirable residence lots. There will be offered for sale also three lots on McIlvane street at the same time.

A LECTURE.

There will be given at the court house on June 29th, 1916, a lecture by Henri Ellis Brewington on the subject of "The Pot That Never Ceases Boiling. The Crushing Conscience." This lecture is of high colors and of a profound nature. Taking up both the optimist and the pessimist, the real and the unreal. The invitation is welcome to one and all.

The lecture will begin at 8:30 p. m. Come and bring a friend and each one enjoy the humorous sayings. Admission, 25 cents.

Miss Louise Purcell spent a week with friends and relatives at Lockhart Junction.